

# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: August 2014



The Howard County Council has recessed for the month of August. On Friday, July 25, 2014, the Council hosted a Special Legislative Session for final consideration of bills. Below, you will find updates and the status on the legislation.

For details on legislation passed during the prior General Assembly's session, please contact **Dan Furman** at **410-841-3360** or email [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

## INTRODUCTIONS

There is no new legislation introduced for the month of August due to the Legislative Recess. All current County Council legislation can be found [online](#).

## FINAL CONSIDERATION

### APPOINTMENTS

#### CR75-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mitra Basu to the Housing and Community Development Board.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### CR76-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Abby Glassberg to the Public Works Board.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### CR77-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrea S. Ingram name to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### CR78-2014

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Linda M. Skelton to the Housing and Community Development Board.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### CR79-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maurice F. Zeitler to the Housing and Community Development Board.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### CR80-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William E. Erskine to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### CR81-2014

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jill Marie Godzilevsky to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### **CR82-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sheryl H. Lewis, M.P.H., to the Board of Health.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### **CR83-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joseph J. Mezzanotte to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

#### **CR84-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ligeia Shin-Zeruto to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **CB47-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 81.4 acres of agricultural land located at 12570 Highland-Laurel Road, in Highland, Howard County, Maryland, from The Estate of Richard Lansdale Pue or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,971,200 or, if less, not more than \$24,216 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that such purchase price and interest shall be payable to The Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc.; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB48-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 57.4 acres of agricultural land located on Annapolis Rock Road, in Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Charles Sharp, Denise Sharp and Alan

Sharp or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,658,400 or, if less, not more than \$28,890.40 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

### **GENERAL**

#### **CB36-2014**

**Introduced by: Jen Terrasa** AN ACT prohibiting a person from stopping, standing or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in vehicle in a parking space that is designated in a certain manner for the use of plug-in vehicles and provides access to a plug-in vehicle recharging station; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug-in vehicles; authorizing a certain property owner to have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this Act towed or removed under certain circumstances, subject to certain standards and requirements; and generally relating to reserved parking spaces for plug-in vehicles.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 4-0-1 (Recusal: Greg Fox)*

#### **CB37-2014**

**Introduced by: Greg Fox** AN ACT providing that, unless otherwise prohibited by law, there are no limits on the kinds of foods or beverages sold or distributed on County-owned property or during County-sponsored events, meetings, and programs; and generally relating to certain food and beverage sales in the County.

*Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB38-2014**

**Introduced by: Greg Fox** AN ACT prohibiting the County from exercising condemnation for economic development purposes or to transfer property to a private entity for its benefit; and generally relating to the acquisition by the County of private property by condemnation.

*Final Action: Failed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 3-2 (Fox, Watson)*

#### **CB39-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT amending the Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighting/EMS personnel; amending the payment amount; providing for burial benefits and survivor benefits; amending certain reporting requirements; amending certain deadlines; clarifying the points received for military service; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this act; and generally relating to the Length of Service Award Program.

*Final Action: Passed as amended 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB40-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Service Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Verizon Maryland Inc., for certain enhanced 9-1-1 customer premises equipment and related service.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB41-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Lease Agreement and Lease Agreement Addendum between Howard County, Maryland and Advance Business Systems & Supply Company, for the lease of multi-function copiers.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB42-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing certain pay scales for police officers, police sergeants, police management, and certain employees in the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; amending the pay grade for the position of Police Services Support Supervisor II; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB43-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; transferring the responsibility for certain police records operations to the position of Police Services Support Supervisor II; amending certain licensure and education requirements for the position

of Police Services Support Supervisor II; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB44-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB45-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143, Howard County Police Supervisor's Alliance, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143, Howard County Police Supervisor's Alliance that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CB46-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters – Howard County Local 2000, that are in

conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters – Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters – Howard County Local 2000.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR87-2014**

**Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilmember at the request of the Patuxent River Commission** A RESOLUTION approving and adopting the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR88-2014**

**Introduced by: Greg Fox** A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 209 “Legislative procedure” of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to consider legislation before the Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR89-2014**

**Introduced by: Greg Fox** A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 613 “Restrictions of capital projects; amendment to capital budget after adoption of budget”, of the Howard County Charter to clarify the application of the section to new capital projects; requiring the County Council to establish by law procedures for amending the budget when changes to existing capital projects are approved; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action: Failed*

*Votes: 1-4 (Nay: Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa, Watson)*

#### **CR90-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between Howard County, Maryland and 2800 Nixon’s Farm Lane, LLC regarding the construction and operation of a solar array located on the property known as Nixon’s Farm.

*Final Action: Passed*

*Votes: 4-0-1 (Abstain: Fox)*

#### **CR91-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Jennifer Terrasa At the request of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake** A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development’s Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR92-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Howard County Health Officer to enter into contracts or any other written agreement to assist or participate in the delivery of health care services with third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers for the purpose of the third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers financing, coordinating, or facilitating services provided by the Howard County Health Department.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR93-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2015 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*

*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR94-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.



*Final Action: Passed as amended 7/25/14*  
*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR95-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION approving an application to the State of Maryland for the Main Street Maryland designation by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, indicating support for the Main Street Maryland Program in Ellicott City, Maryland and authorizing certain actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

*Final Action: Passed 7/25/14*  
*Votes: 5-0*

#### **CR96-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the submittal of a Management Plan for the certification of the Patapsco Heritage Area as a Certified Maryland Heritage Area.

*Final Action: Passed as amended 7/25/14*  
*Votes: 5-0*

### **THE PROCESS**

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, September 8, 2014 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing

- Monday, September 22, 2014 at 4:30 pm: Legislative Work Session

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.

Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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*"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved"*  
~ **Mattie Stepanek**